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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

July 13, 2005

Xcel Energy Inc. Mr. Rollie Heidebrink PO Box 988 Sioux Falls SD 57101-0988

Dear Rollie,

The Fraternal Order of Police requested Sioux Valley Energy install a pole and light near the end of their driveway in section 28 of Splitrock Township. This area has a great deal of rock just below the surface and due to costs involved, the FOP would prefer to have Xcel install a light on an existing Xcel pole across the road. It is my understanding that Tim Lien of the FOP contacted Jim Wilcox on installing the light. Dan Carlson called Jim on this yesterday and he suggested I send the information to you.

This area is in Sloux Valley's assigned service area. Sioux Valley Energy does not object to Xcel installing a light on your existing pole. This consent on the part of SVE is limited is limited to the said light for the FOP and will terminate upon removal or abandonment of the light.

This exception is not to be construed as having any impact upon or indicating a desire to change the service area assigned by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

I am enclosing a photo showing the area in question. If additional information is required, feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

John E. Miller
Director of Engineering and Operations

Enclosure

Cc: Tim Lien